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EXTEND EVERY COURTESY.

In a few short weeks the members of the American Mining congress will journey to this city from Goldfield and spend a day in our midst, examining the various mines.

To entertain the visitors will be no child's play, and this work will call for the co-operation of every business man in Tonopah. The call has gone forth for a meeting of the finance committee and on the heels of this comes the announcement of a rousing mass meeting to be held next Monday night in the offices of the Desert Securities company.

It is the duty of every man in Tonopah to attend this meeting and if you have suggestions to offer make them known. Tonopah must not be a laggard when the mining congress convenes, and must put its best foot forward and show those who hail from the east that we are on the job proper and are willing for the greatness of the mineral extracting mines in this district to be explored and their wonders afterward expounded to those having money invested in the stocks.

The congress will be here for one short day and during that time every member should be taken in hand and conducted personally through the miles of underground workings.

It has been stated by a few of the incredulous that Tonopah would be a worked-out camp in a few years. Show the newcomers that we have ore blocked out to keep the mills in operation night and day for many years. Let them decide for themselves. And then they will carry to the east news, reliable news, that the greatest mining camp in the west is Tonopah and that it has ore enough in sight to pay many millions in dividends.

Let the visitors be informed through their own observations, that Nevada is not a state of wildcats; that it is offering investments for legitimate mining and that those who are seeking investments will be protected.

The old Battleborn state has suffered in the past, through the tactics of unscrupulous operators, and now that the legislature has seen fit to remedy this evil, we can experience no better opportunity of assuring those who once lost by placing their savings in the treasury of a wildcat incorporation, that the work of this ilk is a thing of the past.

The numerous committees appointed at the last meeting are urged to attend the mass meeting as is every business and mining man. So in the meantime give the matter your attention and attend the meeting with your mind made up to help those who will have the affair in charge.

SHOULD RAISE RATE ON REGISTERED MAIL.

As a purely business proposition the registry of letters by the postoffice department is an absolute failure; the government losses millions of dollars every year by the process; thirty-five years ago the registry fee, which under the law may be as high as 20 cents, at the discretion of the postmaster general, was reduced from 15 cents to 8 cents—a very foolish proceeding, for the volume of registry business was not perceptibly increased by the reduction; the next year, in 1875, the department raised the fee to 10 cents, but with no material results in the matter of increased revenue; and after a trial of eighteen years the fee was again reduced to 8 cents in 1893, where it has since stood and at an enormous loss to the government. The delegates to the recent annual convention of first-class postmasters held at Toledo, Ohio, were almost unanimous in the opinion that an increase of the registry fee from 8 to 10 cents would not be opposed or criticized by the public when it was understood that the present rate results in a loss to the government, and the department is now seriously considering an advance in the rate to that figure. In all probability such an increase in the registry fee would not swell the volume of the registry business or turn the loss into profit or even self-sustainment. The people are steadily learning the advantage of banking, with its check system, and in rapidly increasing numbers they are becoming bank depositors and employing the banks rather than the postoffice for the transmission of money; the bank system is far more convenient and much less expensive; and it is human nature to take a pride in having a bank account. The United States government may "go into the banking business" increasingly and hold out all sorts of inducements to the public to patronize it; but it will continue to be a losing venture. And the sooner the postoffice department senses the fact and acts accordingly, the better it will be for everybody concerned.

What a stampee there would be if some Nevada miner would arrive at the North Pole and start sinking for terra firma. There would be one consolation, however, and that is the townsites agents would have to go in with the stampedeers.

George A. Montrose, formerly associate editor of the Carson News, has leased that paper and the last issue received here shows his name at the head. Mr. Montrose is an able writer and the future editions of the paper will be anxiously looked forward to. Here's hoping, Monty.

SEIBERT IS THE NEW OWNER OF "RAGTIME"

Fred J. Seibert, the well known mining engineer, yesterday received notice that henceforth he is the owner of the famous racehorse, "Ragtime," formerly the property of George Wingfield, and considered one of the best pieces of horse flesh ever raced in this state.

The announcement came from Pat Walsh, owner of several of the largest ranches in the Reese River country, and the present owner of the animal. Mr. Seibert was much pleased with the gift of "Ragtime," and stated yesterday that he would have the horse brought to Goldfield.

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ALL CHILDREN FROM EIGHT TO SIXTEEN YEARS MUST ATTEND SCHOOL

An Act Providing for Compulsory Education and Other Matters Connected Therewith.

The Bonanza has been in receipt of a number of inquiries concerning the law in reference to a truant officer, and also about the compulsory attendance of children in the public schools. The law is published here in full:

Chap. CXXX.—An act providing for compulsory education and other matters connected herewith, providing for penalties for the violation of any of the provisions thereof, and repealing any and all prior laws on the subject of compulsory education. (Approved March 20, 1909.)

The people of the state of Nevada, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Each parent, guardian, or other person, in the state of Nevada, having control or charge of any child between the ages of 8 and 16 years shall be required to send such child to a public school during the time in which a public school shall be in session in the school district in which said child resides; but such attendance shall be excused:

(1) When satisfactory evidence is presented to the board of trustees of the school district in which such child resides, that the child's bodily or mental condition is such as to prevent or render inadvisable attendance at school, or application to study. A certificate from any reputable physician that the child is not able to attend school, or that its attendance is inadvisable, must be taken as satisfactory evidence by any such board.

(2) When the child has already completed the eight grades of the prescribed grammar school course;

(3) When satisfactory evidence is presented to the board of trustees that the child is being taught in a private school, or by a private tutor, or at home, by any person capable of teaching in such branches as are usually taught in the primary and grammar schools of this state;

(4) When satisfactory evidence is presented to the board of trustees that the child's labor is necessary for its own or its parent's support;

(5) When the district superintendent shall determine that the child's residence is located at such distance from the public school as to render attendance impracticable or unsafe.

Sec. 2. Any child shall be deemed a truant, in the meaning of this act, who shall have been absent from school, without valid excuse, more than three days; and absence for any part of a day shall be considered as absence for that entire day. The teacher, attendance officer, or other person connected with the schools, shall send or deliver a written notice of such truancy to the parent, guardian or other person, having control or charge of the child. After such notice has thus been sent to said parent, guardian or other person, any child who is absent from school thereafter within the school year, without valid excuse, one or more days or parts thereof, shall again be deemed a truant. Any child shall be declared an habitual truant who shall have been deemed a truant three or more times within the school year. Any child who has once been declared an habitual truant and who in a succeeding year is absent from school, without valid excuse, for one or more days or parts thereof, may again be declared an habitual truant.

Sec. 3. Any parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of any child, to whom notice has been given of truancy, as provided in section 2 of this act, and who fails to prevent the child's subsequent truancy within that school year, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be liable, for the first offense, to a fine of not more than \$10 or imprisonment for not more than five days, and for each subsequent offense he shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten or more than fifty dollars, or to imprisonment for not less than five or more than twenty-five days, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 4. The board of trustees of any school district shall, on the complaint of any person make a full and impartial investigation of all charges against parents or guardians or other persons having control or charge of any such child, for violation of any of the provisions of this act. If it shall appear upon such investigation that any such parent or guardian or other person has

violated any of the provisions of this act, it is hereby made the duty of the clerk of such board of trustees to make and file in the proper court a criminal complaint against such parent, guardian, or other person, charging such violation, and to see that such charge is prosecuted by the proper authorities; provided, that in such school districts having an attendance officer, such officer shall, if so directed by the board of trustees, make and file such complaint, and see that such charge is prosecuted by the proper authorities.

Sec. 5. The board of trustees of any school district may appoint and remove at pleasure an attendance officer and shall fix the compensation thereof, and shall prescribe the duties of said officer, not inconsistent with law, and make rules and regulations for the performance thereof. It shall be the duty of the attendance officer, or any peace officer, or any other school officer, to arrest during school hours, without a warrant, any child between the ages of 8 and 16 years, who has been reported to him by the teacher, the city superintendent or other person connected with the schools, as an absentee from instruction upon which he is lawfully required to attend within the school district. Such arresting officer shall forthwith deliver the child so arrested to the teacher, parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of said child.

Sec. 6. Boards of trustees are hereby authorized to set apart any school building or buildings or any room or rooms in any school building or buildings for the establishment of special or ungraded schools, to provide for the instruction of habitual truants as defined in section 2 of this act, or for pupils who have been insubordinate or disorderly during attendance at school. Boards of trustees are also authorized to purchase sites and erect buildings for such purposes, in the same manner as other school sites and school buildings may be purchased and erected; or boards of trustees may rent suitable property for special or ungraded rooms without being so directed by the vote of the district. Teachers of such special or ungraded schools shall have the same qualifications as other teachers in the grades, and shall be paid from the same funds. Boards of trustees are hereby authorized to assign habitual truants and other pupils who have been insubordinate or disorderly during attendance at school to such special and ungraded schools for a period not to exceed the remainder of the school year. Such pupils, however, may be restored to their former room or grade when in the judgment of the board there has been sufficient improvement to warrant the belief that their example and influence will no longer be a detriment to the room to which they shall return.

Sec. 7. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to be absent unlawfully from school, or who knowingly employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment of not more than twenty-five days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The attendance officer or any other school officer is hereby empowered to visit any place or establishment where minor children are employed to ascertain whether the provisions of this law are duly complied with, and may demand from all employers of such children a list of children employed, with their names and ages.

Sec. 8. Any parent, guardian, or other person who makes a false statement concerning the age or school attendance of a child between the ages of 8 and 16 years who is under his control or charge, such false statement being made with intent to deceive under this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment of not more than twenty-five days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 9. All fines collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the permanent school fund of the state.

Sec. 10. Any and all acts which have been previously passed on the subject of compulsory education are hereby repealed.

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